**Frequently Asked Questions About Reading….**

*Q: How do I found out my child’s reading level?*

A: A representative from the guidance office will be on hand tonight to share reading level information with you. Use the conversion chart to change lexile level into grade level. Or, contact your child’s Language Arts teacher. She is FULL of useful information!

*Q: My kid HATES reading? What can I do?*

A: Introduce kids to graphic novels. Once they are hooked, they may move onto reading novels! Here is a link for reading Webcomics and Graphic Novels online <http://www.ipl.org/div/graphicnovels/>

Also, make sure your kid can read the book you’re suggesting. Use the 5 finger rule: If he or she mispronounces 5 words on the first page, the book is too difficult.

*Q: I’d like to increase my child’s vocabulary. What can I do?*

A: Here’s a list:

* <http://www.visualthesaurus.com/bee/play> Challenges kids to spell high level words correctly and includes definitions of the words
* <http://www.allwords.com/wow.php> Word of the Week
* <http://superkids.com/aweb/tools/words/middle/> SAT prep Word of the Day

Give your kid a piggy bank and insert change whenever they use the word of the day/week correctly!

*Q: What is this “Reading Our Way to College” contest and how can I support this at home?*

A: “Reading Our Way to College” is a school-wide reading competition. Monthly and yearly raffles and rewards will inspire your child to keep reading. If you’d like to find out how many points a book is worth, google “Scholastic Reading Counts Book e catalog” and select the first site. Type in the name of the book and you’ll find out all the necessary info, including points earned if your kid passes the 10 question quiz.

*Q: I’d like to buy my child some books for the holiday season. How do I know he’ll be able to read them?*

A: Type the title of the book into websites like [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) or [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com). Both these sites can help you find the lexile level of the book you are interested in.

*Q: My kid is addicted to the computer. What are some great reading websites I can send him to before allowing him to play Wee World?*

A: Here are a few ideas:

* [www.tumblereadables.com](http://www.tumblereadables.com) This website contains HUNDREDS of read-aloud books, ranging from early readers to Shakespeare. All FREE!
  + Username: lindenwoldms
  + Password: login
  + How to help your child find books <http://bit.ly/5SXhtG>
* Loaded with ideas for what to read next <http://harperteen.com/>
* Videos that show best reads for teens: <http://www.youtube.com/user/TeenReads>
* [www.teenink.com](http://www.teenink.com) Full of interest-based articles, poems, and essays for teens and written by teens.
* [www.tweentribune.com](http://www.tweentribune.com) Kids can go to this site once a day to get current events in short, kid-friendly texts

*Q: I’ve noticed a lot of books these days have to do with vampires and other topics that seem too mature for my kids. Without reading the whole book first, what can I do to see whether the book is appropriate for my child?*

A: Go to [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org) where you’ll find reviews on books, movies, TV shows, and music that give you the appropriate age range. This is the web site your kids don’t want you going to!

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**Notes from tonight’s READING RALLY**

My child’s lexile score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_L = \_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade

My student can probably read books between these two lexile levels: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_